

CLAIMS

1. A dressing comprising a bandage section, having a perimeter sufficient to occlude a wound, and a valve section that allows the escape of fluid, wherein the valve section lies substantially on the same plane as the bandage section.
2. A dressing, as in Claim 1, wherein the bandage section comprises a transparent area.
3. A dressing, as in Claims 1 or 2, wherein an outer edge of the bandage section is provided with adhesive.
4. A dressing, as in Claim 3, wherein the adhesive is covered with a removable protective outer film prior to use.
5. A dressing, as in Claims 1 to 4, wherein the valve section comprises a one-way valve.
6. A dressing, as in Claims 1 to 5, wherein the one-way valve comprises a flutter valve.
7. A dressing, as in Claim 6, wherein the flutter valve comprises one leaflet.
8. A dressing, as in Claim 6, wherein the flutter valve comprises two leaflets.

- 1 9. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
2 wherein the one-way valve is housed in a
3 substantially rigid casing.
4
- 5 10. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
6 wherein the bandage section is substantially
7 elliptical or circular in shape.
8
- 9 11. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
10 wherein the bandage section is provided with an
11 extending tag section allow for easy gripping.
12
- 13 12. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
14 wherein the valve section can be provided with a
15 collection bag.
16
- 17 13. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
18 wherein the dressing is manufactured from a
19 waterproof material.
20
- 21 14. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
22 wherein the dressing is manufactured from non-
23 allergenic material(s).
24
- 25 15. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
26 wherein the dressing is manufactured from a plastic
27 material.
28
- 29 16. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
30 wherein the dressing is manufactured from latex.
31

- 1 17. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
2 wherein the valve section is provided with an
3 irrigation flushing system.
4
- 5 18. A dressing, as in Claim 16, wherein the irrigation
6 flushing system comprises an aperture in the casing
7 of the valve section through which fluid can be
8 inserted.
9
- 10 19. A dressing, as in Claim 17, wherein the flushing
11 system comprises a tube and a valve.
12
- 13 20. A dressing, as in Claim 19, wherein the tube is
14 provided with perforations.
15
- 16 21. A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims,
17 wherein the bandage section further comprises one or
18 more membrane layers.
19
- 20 22. A dressing, as in Claim 21, wherein, in use, air or
21 fluid is provided between the layers, such that
22 tension is applied to a wound.